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The following is a consolidated report of state operations and fire activity in Southern California. Information in this report is gathered from state and county offices of emergency services. Some information may not be verified.

General Report:

The current priority for fire suppression is as follows:

- 1. Grass: 13,780 acres; 1,359 personnel; 10,000 homes threatened; 200 homes destroyed
- 2. Harris: 84,300 acres: 20% containment; 1,341 personnel; 1,500 homes threatened; 97 homes destroved
- 3. Poomacha: 39,000 acres: 39% containment: 1,882 personnel: 2,000 homes threatened: 60 homes destroyed

Dead: 7

Reported Injuries: 61

Number in Shelters: 4,512 in 41 shelters

Structures Destroyed: 2,092 Structures Threatened: 22,075

Overall, there has been 497,669 acres burned; 321,000 evacuations; 5,334 people are currently utilizina shelters.

- 80 helicopters are being utilized currently.
- Calming of wind conditions have allowed damage assessment teams to enter neighborhoods and determine specific extent of damage.
- All 9 local assistance centers are fully operational, and home state representatives, as well as FEMA.

OES has committed the following: 105 of 110 available OES engines. 12 of 12 OES Water Tenders. 3 of 5 OES Support Unit. 16 OES Chief Officers. 1 OES Mechanic. 8 National Guard Helicopters (6 CA - 2 NV). 2 National Guard Helicopters (Oregon) on alert, 6 National Guard MAAFS assigned. 1,369 Local Government Engines. 197 Local Government Water Tenders. 80 Out of State Engines (assigned or in travel mode) (20 via EMAC; 60 via Interstate Compact Agreement through the NIFC ordering system), 232 hand crews, 94 dozers, 22 aircraft, 239 strike teams, 11,890 firefighting personnel.

EVACUATION STATUS:

The following areas have been ok'd to re-populate, re-entry plans are being developed.

San Diego County

- *Rancho Sante Fe (Witch Fire)
- *Community of Tecate (residents only, area remains under an evacuation warning for all areas not in the burn area) (Harris Fire)
- *Otay Lake Road to Thousand Trails Camp Ground (Harris Fire)
- *Community of Potrero (residents only, area remains under an evacuation warning for all areas not in the burn area) (Harris Fire)
- *Rancho Bernardo (Witch Fire)
- *Poway (a few areas that are not open) (Witch Fire)
- *Fallbrook (Rice Fire)

LINKS TO RESOURCES:

California Department of Emergency Services

http://www.oes.ca.gov

California Department of Insurance http://www.insurance.ca.gov

CalTrans Highway Conditions http://www.dot.ca.gov/fireclosures.php

Firefighting Resources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies - FIRESCOPE

http://www.firescope.org

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - CAL FIRE http://www.fire.ca.gov

National Interagency Fire Center http://www.nifc.gov

National Interagency Coordination Center

http://www.nifc.gov/news/nicc.html

National Fire News

http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/nfn.htm

Fire weather from the National Weather Service

http://fire.boi.noaa.gov/

NOAAWatch page for weather, fire and other information

http://www.noaawatch.gov

Fire information and links from the US Forest Service

http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/reports.sht ml

San Diego Humane Society & SPCA http://www.sdhumane.org

COUNTY FIRE INFORMATION:

Los Angeles http://lacounty.info/

Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management

1275 N. Eastern Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90063 (323) 980-2261

Orange http://www.oc.ca.gov/

Orange County Office of Emergency Services

2644 Santiago Canyon Road Silverado, CA 92676 (714) 628-7055

Riverside

www.rvcfire.org/opencms/functions/oes/

Riverside County Office of Emergency Services

4080 Lemon Street, Suite 8 Riverside, CA 92502-1412 (951) 955-4700

Santa Barbara

http://www.countyofsb.org/index.asp

Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Services

105 East Anapamu Street #102 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 805-681-5526

San Bernardino

http://www.sbcfire.org/oes

San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services

1743 W. Miro Way Rialto, CA 92376 (909) 356-3998

Ventura

http://www.vcsd.org/oes/fire.html

Ventura County Office of Emergency Services

800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

Fire Hotline: (805) 388-4276

San Diego

http://www.sdcountyemergency.com/

San Diego County Office of Emergency Services

5555 Overland Avenue Building 19 San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 565-3490

San Diego County

San Diego: Public Info # 858-565-3171 or 858-565-3172 Media # 858-565-3171 or 858-565-3172

WITCH FIRE

Acres Burned: 197,990 % Contained: 30

Structures: 1,061 residences, 30 commercial properties & 175 outbuildings destroyed; 62 residences, 10 commercial properties & 50 outbuildings damaged; 1,000 residences, 100 commercial properties & 300 outbuildings threatened. 22 firefighters injured.

POOMACHA FIRE Acres Burned: 39.000 % Contained: 35

Structures: 50 homes destroyed; 2,000 homes threatened

Fire started October 23 as a structure fire on the Lajolla Indian Reservation. 60 homes and 19 outbuildings have been destroyed. 2,000 homes are threatened. The communities of Valley Center, Rincon Hidden Meadows and Deer Springs are threatened. This fire has resulted in 12 firefighter injuries.

RICE INCIEDNT Acres Burned: 9.000 % Contained: 40

Structures: 208 structures & 40 outbuildings destroyed

200 remain threatened in Fallbrook & Deluz

HARRIS FIRE

Acres Burned: 84,300 % Contained: 20

Structures: 97 residences, 2 commercial properties & 17 outbuildings destroyed; 250 residences

damaged; 1,500 homes threatened.

Communities of San Miguel, Portrero, Barrett Junction, Barett Lake area, Engineer Springs, Dulzura, Deerhorn Valley, Lawson Valley, Jamul, Lyons Valley and homes along Millar Ranch Road are threatened.

PENDLETON COMPLEX (AMMO FIRE & WILCOX FIRE)

Acres Burned: 19, 353 % Contained: 80

Structures: 100 residences threatened

MC COY FIRE Acres Burned: 300 % Contained: 100

Structures: 1 outbuilding destroyed

CORONADO HILLS FIRE

Acres Burned: 300 % Contained: 100

Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County: Public Info # 800-980-4990

RANCH FIRE

Acres Burned: 58,396 % Contained: 87

Structures: 1 home & 8 buildings destroyed.

CANYON FIRE

Acres Burned: 4,500 % Contained: 100

Structures: 6 homes & 2 businesses destroyed; 9 homes damaged; 600 residences, 200 commercial

buildings & 100 outbuildings threatened.

BUCKWEED FIRE

Acres Burned: 38,356 % Contained: 100

Structures: 21 residences & 22 outbuildings destroyed; 15 residences damaged.

MAGIC INCIDENT

Acres Burned: 2824 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

MEADOWRIDGE FIRE

Acres Burned: 20 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

Orange County

Orange County: Public Info # 714-628-7085 Media # 714-573-6200

Santiago Fire

Acres Burned: Approximately 27,000

Structures: 12outbuildings were damaged and 8 destroyed; 8 residential structures were damaged and 14 destroyed

Location: Originated at Santiago Canyon and Silverado Canyon (Thomas Brothers page 832 A2). Fire continues to move to the east/southeast between Williams Canyon and Hamilton Truck Road.

Preliminary Cause: Confirmed arson - A reward of \$250,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

FIREFIGHTING/LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSETS: OCFA OC Sheriff CHP

1,614 Firefighters; 216 Engines/Trucks; 13 Helicopters; 4 Air Tankers; 21 Handcrews

11 Dozers; 12 Water Tenders; Air support; 634 personnel; 1 Command Post;

1 Staging Area; 1 Incident Command Center; 1 ICP Liaison; 100s of personnel on

standby; 100+ Officers; 100s of personnel on standby

San Bernardino County

San Bernardino: Public Info # 909-355-8800 Media # 909-383-5600

SLIDE FIRE

Acres Burned: 13, 378 % Contained: 15

Structures: 200 Residences and 3 outbuildings destroyed; 10,000 threatened

12 hour threat to Green Valley, Running Springs, Live Oak, Fredalba, Smiley Park, Deer Lick, Calvery Chapel Camp, National's Children's Forest and Visitor Center, Arrowbear Lake.

GRASS VALLEY FIRE Acres Burned: 1,100 % Contained: 70

Structures: 100 homes destroyed; 6,000 threatened

Residents may leave via highways, but will not be allowed back into these areas.

CAJON INCIDENT Acres Burned: 250 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

Riverside County

Riverside County: Public Info # 909-955-4700

ROSA FIRE

Acres Burned: 411 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

ROCA FIRE Acres Burned: 270 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

Santa Barbara County

Santa Barbara: Public Info # 805-961-5770 Vulnerable Population Hotline # 805-968-

0462

SEDGEWICK FIRE Acres Burned: 710 % Contained: 100 Structures: n/a

In conjunction with the Cleveland, San Bernardino, and Angeles National Forest, Los Padres National Forest Supervisor Peggy Hernandez announced, that as a result of current extreme fire activity in the Southern California, very low fuel moisture, and fire suppression resources being stretched to the limit, an emergency closure of the entire Los Padres National Forest. Supervisor Hernandez stated that the closure, which is effective as of today, is necessary in order to protect public health and safety, and will be in effect until extreme fire and weather conditions subside. Private property owners within the forest are exempt from this order, as are individuals or organizations holding special use permits within the forest.

ESSENTIAL FACILITIES ACTIVATED-"One-Stop Shop" Centers

The hours of operation for the centers are: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The following LACs will be opened:

San Diego County LACs Rancho Bernardo Glassman Recreation Center [opened 10/24/07] 18448 West Bernardo Drive San Diego, CA 92127

Rancho San Diego-Cuyamaca College [opens 10/26/07] 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway El Cajon, CA 92109

Ramona Community School [opened on 10/25] 1710 Montecito Rd. Ramona, CA 92065

Fallbrook Community Center [opened 10/25/07] 341 Heald Ln. Fallbrook, CA 92028

Los Angeles County LACs Activities Center – George A. Caravalho, Santa Clarita Complex [opened 10/26/07] 20880 Centre Pointe Parkway Santa Clarita, CA 91350

Malibu Bluff's Park [opened 10/26] 24250 Pacific Coast Hwy. Malibu, CA 90265

Castaic Regional Sports Complex [opened 10/26] 31230 North Castaic Road Castaic, CA 91384

Orange County LACs
One Stop Center/Strip Mall [opened 10/26/07]
125 Technology Way
Irvine, CA

San Bernardino County LACs [opened 10/25/07] National Orange Show Fairgrounds 689 South E St. San Bernardino, CA 92408

The following state agencies are planning to participate in the LACs: State OES, EDD, Contractor's Board, Department of Insurance, Veteran's Affairs, Department of Motor Vehicles, Health Services, Social Services, Franchise Tax Board, and Board of Equalization.